WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9, 1889.

#### IN CONGRESS TO-DAY.

THE SENATE'S CONFERREES ON THE NICARAGUAN BILL.

The Columbus Centennial and Perms nent Exposition Receive a Little Boom -Friends of the Oklahoma Bill Filibuster in the Rouse

In the Senate to-day Mr. Sherman, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported the Nicaraguan Canal bill, recommending a disagreement with the amendments made by the House and asking/'r a conference. The President pro ter pore appointed Messrs. Sherman, Edmunds and Morgan managers on the part of the Senate.

A favorable report was made on the bill advancing the rank of Engineer George W. Mellville one degree and giving him the pay of a chief engineer in recognition of his Arctic services. The bill also provides for medals to be given the numbers of his crew.

A invorable report was made on the bill authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to investigate the claim of the Albemarie and Chesapeake Canal Company

pemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company against the Government for tolls in the transportation of supplies, etc., and to

Make an award.

A favorable report was made on the bill granting the difference in pay between a seaman's and carpenter's rank to William C. Nindermann, one of the Jeannette's survivors. A favorable report was made on the

bill authorizing Captain George S. Anderson of the Sixth Cavalry to accept the decoration of the Legion of Honor from the French Republic.

Mr. Jones, Arkansas, by request, introduced a bill granting right of way across the Crow Indian Reservation in

Montana to the Big Horn Southern

Mr. Cameron presented the petition of the Philadelphia Board of Trade, pray-ing for the enactment of laws favoring and forwarding the holding in Washing-ton of the Centennial Exposition of 1889, the World's Exposition of 1892 and the Permanent Exposition. The Georgetown Barge and Dock Company submitted a report of its con-

The Tariff bill was then taken up The afternoon was spent in debating the Tariff bill, the silk schedule being under consideration.

#### HOUSE.

Immediately after the offering of the prayer in the House to-day, and before the journal of yesterday's proceedings was read, Mr. Weaver, Iowa, made the point of order that under the rule the journal could not be approved unless a quorum were present, and he demanded

The call showed 190 members present, Mr. Weaver then moved that when the House adjourn it be to meet on Saturday. Tellers were demanded and when the motion was voted down moved to take a recess until 2:30 to day, tellers again being demanded. The filibustering mo-tions are on the part of the Oklahoma bill, the friends of the measure endeav-oring to force the House to set a day for its consideration.

The House spent the afternoon in filli-

Mr. Reed Causes a Laugh Mr. Reed raised a laugh ip the House to-day by asking Mr. Crisp: "Who is the under dog in the fillbustering fight, now going ou? Can anything more be done to protect the rights of the minority?"

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It will be remembered that Mr. Crisp last week upheld the filibusterers against the Reed resolution, and made a strong speech ou the "rights of the minority."

To-day Mr. Crisp wants to call up the contested election case of Smalls vs. Elliott, but Mr. Weaver, on the part of the minority desiring a vote on the Oklahoma bill, fillbusters and presents it.

At a meeting of the Conference Committee on the Agricultural Appropriation bill this morning the question of transferring the Sig-nal Service from the War Department to the Agricultural Department was considered, and so favorably that the House conferrees think the Senate will consent to the transfer. A move is being made to transfer the Geologica

Survey from the Interior Department to the Agricultural Department. The Senate District Committee will give a hearing to the residents of East Washington in regard to the steam railroad question to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the rooms of the District Committee.

A bill was introduced yesterday by Sen-ator Voorhees authorizing the purchase for the Government of the dressing and shaving-table used by General Washington during his lifetime and described in his will. The table is now in the National Museum.

The Senate Committee, which was author The Senate Committee, which was authorized to investigate the conduct of the office of Superviving Architect of the Treasury, will resume the examination of Architect Freret to morrow morning. The examination will hereafter be conducted with open doors.

The Speaker resterday laid before the House a letter from the Attorney-General submitting estimates of deficiencies of U. S. Consu's for the fiscal year 1889 and prior years. It amounts in the aggregate to \$465,000.

Major William Warner, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., will appear before the Senate Census Committee on Friday next to nake a statement concerning the proposed decerning soldiers and sallors to be included in the next census reports.

The Secretary of the Treasury sent to the Senate yesterday a letter, replying to the resolution of the Senate asking particulars of the lution of the Senate asking particulars of the advertisement for bids for the erection of a public building in New York. The Secretary encloses a copy of the advertisement which was published by him. He gives the dimensions of the ground covered by the present buildings, and in regard to the comparative size of that ground and the ground on which it is proposed to erect the new building he says that it has always been understood that in advertising for bids the old dimensions were merely minimum limits.

The Senate Committee on Pensions vesterday

The Senate Committee on Pensions yesterday of pension on account of the increase of dis of pension on account of the increase of the ability for which the pension was allowed. General Dudley and several other attorneys appeared before the committee in opposition to the bill. The bill passed the House last

Mr. Hoar introduced in the Senate yester day a bill referring to the Court of Claims the claim of the owners of the brig Tally-lio for damages suffered in a collision with the U. S. 8. Pinta, October 3, 1883.

Albaugh's Opera House has several supers. but recent developments would indicate that they are not all perfectly honest. One, at least, whose name can not be ascertained, dis-posed of a watch and chain to a brother super for 58. Curiously enough, a man named Pal-mer lost a watch and chain about this time, and when the purchaser of the property tried to pawn it at Burnstine's he was arrested by Detective Mattingly. The case was continued in court this morning.

A New Trial for Moody Judge Montgomery to-day granted a new trial in the case of William Moody, convicted of larceny from the person, in robbing Rebecca Hob's

#### LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

The President to-day commuted the sentence of Lewis Burren of the West District of Arkansas, convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged on the 25th instant, to ten years' imprisonment. In the case of William G. Sorter of the West District of Arkansas, convicted of murder and sentenced to be hanged on the 25th instant, the President to-day commuted the sentence to imprisonment

The President to day approved the following bills: An act to authorize the Cairo and Tennessee River Railroad Company to construct bridges across the Tennessee and Camberland rivers; an act authorizing the construction of a read from Florence, S. C., to the National Cemetery adjacent thereto, and a bill granting a pension to Mary E. Johnston.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day appointed the following storekeepers and gaugers: Martin McGlammery, Stony Hill, N. C.; William Thomas Lykins, Caney, Morgan County, Ky.: Asbury J.
Martin, Hamptonville, N. C., Jesse W.
Jackson, Moretz Mills, N. C., and Zachary T. Brown, Lechia, Ill.

Lewis McMullen, United States Appraiser at New York city, was removed yesterday by the President. The removal was made on the suggestion of Secretary Fairchild, who, on the 31st of last De-cember, requested Mr. McMullen to resign, but Mr. McMullen declined to comply with the Secretary's request, and yesterday McMullen was peremptorially bounced from office.

Among the President's callers to-day were Secretary Whitney, Assistant Secretary Thompson, Solicitor-General Jenks, Commissioner Miller, Representatives Townsend, Conger, Wilkinson, Hopkins and O'Neill of Pennsylvania,

Lieutenant G. I. Putnam, Sixteenth Infantry, has been ordered to conduct recruits from New York to the Department of the Platte and then to join his

Leave of absence granted Captain Henry P. Perrine, Sixth Cavalry, is extended six months. Leave of absence for twenty days has

Leave of absence for twenty days has been granted Lieutenant-Colonel James M. Moore, deputy quartermaster.

Leave of absence granted First Lieutenant James B. Erwin has been extended two months.

The President to-day appointed John W. Parsons a notary public for the District of Columbia. H. J. Philpott of Iowa has been appointed a special agent in the Land

#### THE DISTRICT GOVERNMENT.

Private John Fainter of the police force was yesterday dismissed by the Commissioners on the charge of intoxication; Private Muddleson was fined \$40 for neglect of duty J. B. Definey has been appointed a private on the force and C. W. Mahon has been promoted from class one to class two.

Chief Parris has recommended that William Luskey of No. 6 Engine Company be made assistant foreman of No. 8.
Assistant Foreman J. N. Lenman, of
No. 2, is recommended for the position of
acting foreman of No. 6.

Mr. Solari, of Solari's Hotel, on the Avenue above Willard's, states that he kas sold out his place of business to a man from Delmonico's, New York.

A permit to build has been granted to Francis Leonard to erect four brick dwellings, 916 to 922 Delaware avenue southwest, to cost \$2,200.

Mr. Mills Dean has informed the Commissioners that his client, Mr. Solari, has colonel tracy's general reputation. Delmonico's. The Commissioners will consider the application of the new pro

prietor for a barroom license. E S Miller wrote the Commissioners to-day protesting against being put on trial as to his sanity, demanding that his

persecutors be indicted. Manager Marean of the Western Union Company has asked permission to restore the lines connecting with the new

signal Office. Regarding the complaints that the street sweepers have swept dirt into the sewer basins on the Avenue, the Commissioners have directed that the prac-

There are no funds available for grading and regulating Jefferson street. Captain Symons has recommended the building of a surburban sewer on Welling

## WAS IT A PLOT?

Place.

The Mate of the H. S. Slader Thinks that It Was One.

Claudius Jackson, colored, bears emewhat unenviable record as to his general character, but he won't take a back seat for anybody in the cooking line. Accordingly he applied for a posi-tion to William Sadler, the mate of the vessel H. L. Slader, which has been a job, but, said Sadler on the stand in Police Court this morning, "he couldn't cook a herring.

Sadler stated further that he believed his cook to be in collusion with some "pal" for the purpose of robbing the ship, and this supposition was born out by the mysterious visits of a colored man. This marauder appeared in the cabin of the mate, who promptly pulled his gun. This frightened the visitor and he left. Last night, Sadler claims, his servant entered his cabin, so he caused his arrest. The testimony of the complainant was unsupported, so Judge Miller took Jackson's personal bonds.

## SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED.

residence is that Mr. "Constantine" was a trifle precipitate in his plan of cam-paign. Edward B. Gilder is the right paign. name of this hotel beat who was arrested yesterday by Detectives Wheeler and Mattingly while he was engaged in practicing his profession. He was apprehended just as he had

entered his room, and among his effects were found two hotel pass keys, a file and a piece of wax for impressions, "Constantine" travels under several aliases, and is evidently rather high-toned in his selections, for on his wash list appeared the name C. A. Arlington. Gilder hails from San Antonio, Texas, and has been confined in the State Re-formatory of Massachusetts on a similar charge. He is held at the First Precinct

Station-House as a suspicious character The Blaine Apartments Ready Mr. Phelps and Mr. Blaine inspected their new apartments in the "Normandie" to-day,

and found all things in readiness for occu-pancy by the time of the arrival of the Blaine family to-morrow.

Mrs. Blaine was unable to start on Monday as contemplated. She will leave Augusta this afternoon, accompanied by Walker and James G. Blaine, ir. James G. Blaine, jr.

THE WAYS OF A TEXAN.

THEY ARE DISCUSSED IN THE CRIM-INAL COURT.

Colonel Tracy Goes on the Stand and Re lates the Story of His Difficulty with John B. Tanner-The Colonel's General

The trial of Colonel James G. Tracy, charged with assault to kill, was reresumed this morning. Yesterday Captain John B. Tanner testified that on July 13 last Tracy came into the office where he conducts a banking and brokerage business. Tracy owed Tanner some \$300, and when he came in said: How about that settlement?"
Tanner replied that that was for him

to say.

"Well, I'll settle it now," said Tracy, drawing a pistol and firing.

When he saw the glint on the pistol he dodged. The shot passed his head, leaving powder marks on his ear. They clinched and a second shot was fired clinched, and a second shot was fired during the struggle without effect. He threw Tracy over a chair, and his part-ner, Harmon, came in and disarmed him.

Judge Gates, who appears as Tracey's counsel, asked a number of questions in cross-examination as to the character of the business conducted there. He denied that it was otherwise than a legiti-mate banking and brokerage business. He stated that he had been in the War Department under Secretary Belknap. A question as to why he left that office

Tanner's partner, John B. Harmon, testified this morning that during the day a telegraph boy had warned him that Tracey was armed. He heard the shot, and when Tanner called he went into the room.

Harmon stated that before they made the contracts with Tracy, produced in court, he had \$147 to his credit. On the night of June 12 he owed \$150, and prior night of June 12 he owed \$150, and prior to his visit on the day of the 13th he owed \$150 more. On cross-examination Colonel Yates commenced inquiry as to the character of the business carried on there. When asked by the Court whether he considered this line of investigation relevant Colonel Yates inquired tigation relevant Colonel Yates inquired to be had to the County Board and the whether it would not affect the credibility of the witness if he should show that they hadn't a The registrars a to have the power of the control of the this was a bogus firm; that they hadn't a dollar of credit in New York or Phila-delphia; that it was a mushroom business in which they attempted to make it appear to the public that they had money to their credit in the market, and it turned out that they didn't have any-

quarrel and excluded the question.

James O'Dowd, the telegraph operator in the office, testified to the occurrences in the office. He did not hear the lie passed; heard none of the conversation.
Officer J. N. Salkeld testified that when he arrested Tracy the latter said that they had swindled and assaulted him. He expressed a wish that he had "killed

the s-.''
Officer Loftus testified that Tracy asked them not to put the handcuffs on him, and said they had no right to arrest him, as he had done nothing. He cor-roborated the statement of the previous

Dr. Oscar H. Coumbe testified to re moving powder marks from Tanner's car. This closed the testimony for the

prosecution. Representative Stewart stated that Tracy's general reputation was good for being an amiable, peaceable man. Tracy had been United States Marshal in the district in which the witness lived. 'Mr. Stewart," said Mr. Shillington

'is the reputation of the average Texan for peace and order good?"
"As good as in any other State in this

"Is that the standard upon which you base your conclusions as to Colonei Tracy's reputation?" "I don't know that we have any dif-

ferent standing there from what we have or in any other civilized com-

"Did you ever hear of any shooting scrapes he had done there?" "I heard of one."
"That is all."

COLONEL TRACY ON THE STAND. Colonel Tracy then took the stand. His iron-gray hair was quite long, and in his general appearance there was a reminiscence of Texan picturesqueness. His face showed the lines that come with "What caused the difficulty with Cap-

tain Tanner?" asked Judge Yates. "I had been doing business with Captain Tanner for some two years," said the witness. "Up to then there was not the slightest unkind feeling, that I knew. I had been engaged in stock speculation, and had lost quite an amount. realized on some property I had in Texas. Every dollar that is on those contracts was put up by me—nearly \$800. Relying on the good feeling, when I was called for \$200 on margins I asked them to telegraph the firm and ask them to carry them for me for two or three days. They sent word that they could not carry them. I lost all my money except what was represented by these contracts. I thought if I could carry it for a few days I might save the remains. Harmon said that he couldn't afford to carry them. Then I told him I knew what I could do. He said, 'What are you going to do?' went out and attempted to raise the money, but couldn't do it. I returned, and saw Captain Tanner passing into his "C. A. Constantine" appears on the register of the First Precinct Station-House and the cause of this change of you? You don't doubt my credit or my There is something back of You haven't placed my money in New

York; you have got it here.'
"He said," continued Colonel Tracy,
"that he had placed it, and I exclaimed. 'You are a liar, and I can prove it.' I saw a hostile demonstration on his face and drew the revolver. I was bruised from my ankle to my hip. Everything after this was confused. It was all excitement and what I may have said was without thought and without meaning." The witness explained his possession of his pistol by saying that he had put it in his pocket for the purpose of taking it from his rooms to his house. He thought that if he pulled it out showed Tanner that he was armed Tan-

"I suppose they have made out of c," said the witness in response to Judge Yates' question, 'at least twelve hundred dollars. I don't complain of

THE OTHER LITTLE SHOOTING AFFAIR. Regarding the shooting affair referred to in the examination of Representative Stewart, he said: "I was running a Republican newspaper and the bitterness i sixty days in the Police Court this morni

was so great that, if a man was not ready to fight, they would run him out of the country. There was another editor of a Democratic paper who took pains to reflect on me. We were constantly cross-firing and the result was a conflict that resulted in no disaster to either."

# SENATOR SHERMAN'S BILL.

How He Proposes to Have the Repre sentatives Elected. Senator Sherman has introduced an elaborate bill for the reconstruction of the system of elections for Members of the House of Representatives. The bill is very long, and is made up of detail concerning the form of oaths to be taken, It provides that the President shall appoint five persons in each States board of canvasers and three persons in each district an electoral board for that district, their terms to be during good behavior. Each board is to have a presi-dent and a secretary. The electoral board is to appoint a registrar for each precinct or election district, to hold office for six years.

The Electoral Board is to have the power to fill vacancies and remove for cause, if necessary, to increase the number of precincts and to appoint registrars therefor. The Electoral Board of each district is to appoint three judges of election for each precinct, who shall be indeed and the precinct, who shall be judges of all Federal elections. At the time of the appointment of the judges, the Electoral Board is to select three of the persons so appointed to act as a Com-mittee of Elections in and for each city, county, or corresponding political divi-sion in the district, whose duty it shall be to meet on the third day after the election, open the returns and canvass the votes. This committee is to have the power to fill vacancies in the Boards of Commissioners. The Electoral Board is to organize immediately after its appointment and it is to meet in May and any time thereafter on call of any member of the board.

Immediately after qualifying for his office, each registrar is to aunounce through the medium of printed handbills the place and time of registration. Any persons offering to register and him of the property of the propert being refused permission, may make an appeal to the judges of election and any elector may challenge the vote of any one who comes to the polls. If the

United States may mals.
It is made lawful to have five qualified voters fifteen days previous to the regular days of registration to post a notice at not less than three places, including turned out that they didn't have anything, but had simply squatted down in a place to sell margins when they hadn't anything.

Judge Montgomery held that the jury had nothing to do with the merits of the quarrel and excluded the question.

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days prior to the day of election, and the board is to forward five printed notices each to the registrars, who shall post them, but failure to carry out this provision shall not invalidate the election if it was not carried on by frauds.

The Election Board is to meet not

later than ten days after each election day to recount the votes.

The remainder of the bill is devoted to details concerning the method of cast-

Mr. Sherman in presenting the bill said that it had been prepared by a gentleman familiar with the subject, who did not care to have his name made public. Many of the provisions of the bill were modeled on the laws of the Southern States. He thought it was calculated to insure perfectly fair elections.

## THE TUNNEL FRAUDS.

The Court of Inquiry Hear the Testi mony of an Expert Sounder The Court of Inquiry, appointed to in vestigate the aqueduct scandal, met this morning at 10:30 o'clock in room 51 north corridor of the War Department. The court was called to order by General Ruger, and Mr. A. J. Sparrow, the expert sounder, was sworn and placed on the witness stand. Mr. Sparrow is a man about 50 years of age, with head of very white hair and gray whiskers; a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles resting on his sharp-pointed nose gave him a distin-

guished look. He was attired in a suit of black clothes. He read his testimony from closely written copy. According to his examina-tion of the Champlain avenue shaft, east and west, the masonry over the key was anything but good. Holes were cut where the sounding indicated a cavity. and all through the tunnel, a short distance apart, cavities were discovered of various sizes. In most places Mr. Spar-

row went into the cavitles and traced them for a number of feet. His description of the cavities was very minute and showed that the workmen who testified about the bad masonry and loose packing knew what they were talk-ing about. Nearly all the soundings made indicated cavities which were re vealed when the key of the arch was

The testimony of Mr. Sparrow, in substance, substantiates the statements made by previous witnesses. It appears that almost the entire work on the tunnel is bad, and a great portion of it will have to be done over again. If the testimony of the Congressional experts agree with Mr. Sparrow there is a slight possibility that Congress may order the abandonment of the tunnel and provide for a

#### Real Estate Transfers. E. Burk to F. Vesper, \$1,050, sublot 3, square 716.

Maria Swormstedt to R. S. Brown, \$1,092.91 lot 3, block 11, Takoma Park. B. P. Davis to H. A. Gill, \$725, lots 23 and block 20, Brookland.
 W. C. Johnson to Delia Murphy, \$2,400, sub-lot 60, square 626.

Leighter & Pairo, trustees, to W. R. Frisbee, \$450, lots 8 and 9, block 26, Brookland. W. L. Watson to John E. Mills, \$1,350, part sub-lot 64, square 502. J. H. Burroughs to Isaac Elehberg, \$300, undivided 1-6 lot 15, square 112. George Truesdell to P. E. Clark, \$5,779.70,

lot 6, square 5, and lot 7, square 9, Eckington. Eugene Carusi to John W. Phillips, \$25,000, lots 171-182, square 444.

Joseph Brown and Emma A. Piper; William Donaldson, Philadelphia, and A. B. Burgin, Germantown, Pa.; C. V. Harvey and J. Lane Willie T. Walker and Bessie M. Fridley; Robert M. Graham and Alice A. Henderson, Alexandria, Va.; William S. Hull, Fort Myers, Va., and Mary J. Marcey, Alexandria, Va.; Oscar C. Nalis and Mildred R. Minor; Harry S. Moore, city, and Celia Smith, Slate Mills, Ohio; William Jackson and Mary Tay-lor; John W. Harvey and Bertha Kendrick,

A Chase After Thieving Boys. Three colored boys attempted last night to orchk open a showcase standing in front of J. D. Free's store, in Market Space, wh they were discovered by Office Smith, officer gave chase to the offenders, and fit captured William Johnson, who was g

## THE SMITHSONIAN.

THE REGENTS MEET AND HEAR THE ANNUAL REPORT.

Interesting Pacts and Figures Concern ing the Administration of Its Affairs-The Proposed Addition.

The Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution met in special session this morning to hear the annual report of Samuel P. Langley, the secretary.

As is customary, the executive committee, consisting of James C. Welling, Henry Coppee and M. C. Meigs, made their annual recommendations, after which the report proper was read.

It refers feelingly to the lives and publie services of the late Chief Justice and of Professors Henry and Baird and then argues for favorable consideration of the financial needs of the institution by Con-

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At the beginning of the fiscal year the balance on hand of the income of the fund was \$1,423.14; the semi-annual interest was \$42,180. To this was added from other sources \$752.85, making a total amount for carrying on the operations of the institution of \$44,356; total expenditures for the year, \$39,546.77; balance on hand July 1, 1888, \$4,809.23. The disbursements of sundry appropriations, authorized by Congress, were as follows: as follows: as follows:
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forth. The estimates prepared to be submitted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889, are as follows: nternational exchanges. Furniture and fixtures... Heating and lighting...

Under the head of "Researches" the history of the plan to secure an astro-physical observatory and laboratory is given. Funds have been promised for the purpose by friends of the institution, and a site will soon be selected. Important investigations are in progress at the hands of the curators in every department of the museum.
Under the head of "Explorations" the

the curators, who has been two years in Japan exploring the Japanese Archipel-ago, is described. Two explorers accom-panied the Fish Commission schooner Grampus on her trip to the Gulf of St. Lawrence to explore the islands there and to look for the remains of the Great Auk, and were successful in their work. Mr. Charles N. Townsend explored Central America and Ensign Niblack explored the coast of Alaska for minerals.

In dealing with the library the secretary deplores the condition of the 250,-000 volumes now deposited in the Capitol and other places and suggests that in the new building a hall worthy of this magent call lion volumes should be exclusively voted to it under the name of the 'Smith-sonian Halls.' The total number of accessions to the library for 1888 was 18,948

volumes, a large increase over the pre-Of "employes" the report says: "Few changes have occurred in the clerical force. Owing to the independence of the Smithsonian Institution of those alterations which take place with changes of administration in Government departments, the tenure of office of all its em-ployes is justly regarded as more secure than in other public establishments; and acceptable persons are commonly found willing to take employment under the Regents on lower terms than the same nominal service is elsewhere paid for by the Government. At the same time, with this fixity of tenure and permanence of position, closer and perhaps kindlier relations are found to arise than exist elsewhere in the midst of frequent

change The United States National Museum, a ward of the institution, is next in or-der. The sanitary condition of the present building is poor, and many repairs are to be made; also the erection of a new building is to take place. The pres-ent building is crowded in all depart-ments. The amount of space assigned to the collection of mammals is about 6,500 feet, and when the work of the taxidermists, now in hand, is finished, it will require double that space; and so it is with all other departments. The number of entries in the department for the year is 25,415. The number of visitors during the year was 249,025, and to the Smithsonian Institution, 103,442.

A lengthy review of the work of the Bureaus of Necrology and Ethnology show these branches to be in a flourish ing condition. A copious review of the work of the year is made, and all subordinates are given full credit for work The report was still under considera-

tion when this report closed.

THE TWINING CITY MATTER-The Case Referred to the Attorney for

the District. The Commissioners have referred the Twining City subdivision case, reported in The Chiric vesterday, to Attorney Riddle, for an opinion as to whether by filing the plat with Surveyor Forsyth the subdivision was practically recorded. The trustees claim that they did that was required of them, and, if Mr. Forsyth failed to put the plat on his oks, it was no fault of theirs.

The surveyor on several other occasions has received plats of subdivisions and set aside certain pages in his books for them after certifying at the foot of the page that the subdivision was sur veyed and recorded, without actually reording the plat on the records.

Captain Symons states that if it is decided that there is no legal record made of the subdivision it cannot now

Another Victory for the Remington Boston, Jan. 8 .- The typewriter contest under the auspices of the Hibbert Business College, who offered a purse of \$150 to the winner, was held this evening. The contest was open to any writing machine. All the prizes were won by Remington operators, Frank McGurrion of Salt Lake City winning the first prize of \$100, and Miss Weineke of New York city the second of \$50.

Suits reduced to \$12.90. Elseman's, 7th & E.

# A TOWN BURNED OUT.

A Terrific Fire in the Business Part of Butherford, N. J.

RUTHERFORD, N. J., Jan. 9 .- The business portion of this village was burned this morning. The fire started in the store of D. B. Burtls on Park avenue and in a few minutes spread to a number of adjoining buildings and all were con-

The property burned included the postoffice, the Allendale Mills, Bottiger's meat market, G. A. Rhinehard's tailor meat market, G. A. Rhinehard's tatior shop, the Tempest News Company's establishment, Ricc's photograph gallery, Burtis' bakery, the club house of the Rutherford Bicycle Club, Bermeister's furniture store, the dwellings of J. Miller, Lawrence Durkis, Mrs. Rathman and the store of Ely & Courtling.

The floors above the stores burned were occupied by families and many are rendered homeless. Much of the furniture was saved, however. Although the people were all asleep at the time, and the fire spread rapidly, al, escaped in safety as for as knewn.

as far as known.

Some families, however, had narrow escapes, and saved nothing but their lives. The fire burned furiously for several hours and the ruins were still smouldering at noon to-day. The total loss is estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,-000. Insurance not known.

## LEFT A SHORTAGE BEHIND.

The Assistant Cashier of the Chicago &

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 9 .- A morning paper says Henry D. Schall, assistant cashier of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, is an embezzler and has fled the city. The amount of his shortage is about \$14,000, of which the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company's loss is \$11,500, and the Clerks' & Mechanics' Building and Loan Associa-

tion of Chicago, of which he was treas-urer, loses \$2,500. 116,000
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119,00 for about ten years and his honesty had never been questioned. The railroad company is insured against loss by the American Surety Company.

# MRS. EMMONS' WILL.

Taking of Testimony to Cease for a While. In the Equity Court to-day Judge Cox made an order granting the motion made by Henry Wise Garnett, in the Emmons will case, that the taking of testimony in the equity case be stopped until the

issues certified from the Orphan's Court for trial before a jury in the Circuit Court are heard and disposed of.

In equity case Samuel F. Emmons claims title to the property left by Mrs. Emmons. In the jury case the ques-tion of whether or not Mrs. Emmons was mentally competent to make the will which named her husband and Samuel F. Emmons and her lawyer Henry Wise Garnett as co-executors. This step before very long will probably bring the question as to Mrs. Emmons' sanity for the second time before a jury.

Inauguration Notes. Applications for position in the line till crowd in. The latest is from the white and colored people of Carlislo, Pa,, who intend to march down through

Maryland in the guise of master and slaves, and march in that manner in the The Harrison Mounted Guard of Gainesville

Va., are applicants of the position of body guard to the President. The Carriage Committee met to-day laid out a plat of approaches to the building. The two-wheeled vehicles come in on the south side and all others on the north side. Persons holding special permits will enter at he east side. The Electric Light Committee have wires in

a conduit now inside the grounds, and a full plant of lights will soon be in position. Colonel Wilson, in charge of Government reservations, has given his hearty approval, and helps to all the arrangements of the com-Mr. Mareau of the Western Uuion is trying to devise means to enter the building with his wires, in the face of the law prohibiting over-

## Newman Convicted

A verdict of guilty as indicted was anunced by the jury in the Criminal Court, at 3:15 yesterday afternoon, in the case of Marion 3:15 yesterday afternoon, in the case of Marion Newman. In this case he was charged with having obtained \$100 from a Baltimore insurance firm by whom he was employed. The point that he should have been tried in Baltimore was overruled for the present, but the Court intimated that he considered it quite likely that this point would be sustained when carried further. Newman's face did not change the verdict, but maintainned the expression of gloem and melancholy which it has worm ever since his arrest.

valuable elms, maple and poplars have been utterly destroyed, while great damage has been done to telephone, telegraph and electric light wires. The soft weather of yesterday neutralized the prospect of greater damage.

They Like the Australian System. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Jan. 9 .- Just to see ow it works the Hendricks Club, Indiana's leading Democratic organization, at its annual election last night tried the Australian system of voting and the supporters of the successful ficket liked it so well that they passed a resoution indorsing it, with the recommendation that a bill embracing similar regulations of voting should be adopted by the Geveral As-sembly for the Government of Indiana elec-

A Hearing for "Red-Nosed Mike." WILKESBARRE, PA., Jan. 9 .- "Red-Nosed Mike's" confession to the killing of Paymaster McClure was read at his preliminary hearing this morning.

Mike's brother is to be arrested and Angelle Erevisano, an Italian banker, was arrested last night for implication in the murder.

Visited by White Caps. Aunona, I.L., Jan. 9 .- White Caps visited this city Monday night and tore up the fences around the property of the late Captain Furman and committed other depredations. They pinned a note to a tree warning John

breatening him with a ducking in Fox River. Sale of Solarite By a bill of sale placed on record to-day amille Solari transfers to Joseph Mehler, for \$22,000, the furniture, stock, etc., at 1409, 1411 and 1418 Pennsylvania avenue.

Suits reduced to \$8.00. Eiseman's, 7th & E.

# MANY PERSONS KILLED.

A HIGH BUILDING IN PITTSBURG BLOWN DOWN.

Aiready Twenty Dead Bodies Have Been Taken From the Ruins-Many More Badty Injured.

PITTSBURG, PA., Jan. 9 .- A large structure adjoining the Western Union Telegraph office was blown down this Seventeen men have been taken out

dead, 38 severely injured, and 50 remain in the building. A tremendous wind storm prevails, and is moving east-1:45 p. m.-Twenty dead bodies have

been taken from the building struck by the wind storm, and the building is still OLEAN, N. Y., Jan. 9 .- A terrific rain and wind storm is sweeping over the

western part of Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio. It is playing sad havoe with A report received here says that a terrific cyclone struck the City of Pittsburg about 1 o'clock this afternoon and that two large buildings on Wood street were warden.

were wrecked. Up to this hour (2 p. m.) the report says nincteen people have been taken from the ruins, fourteen of whom are dead. It is estimated that at least thirty people remain buried in the ruins.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 9. - The accident which resulted so fatally was caused by the collapse of a new seven-story building on the corner of Diamond alley and Wood

It fell on three smaller buildings, which were crushed by its weight. An enormous crowd is gathered near the scene of the accident, and the excitement is intense.

The building that was wrecked, causing the destruction of the three buildings mentioned in former bulietin, was the German Bank Building.

Alderman Cleary's Second Trial. New York, Jan. 9.—Ex-Alderman Cleary's bondsmen received last night a notice from the District Attorney's office to produce Cleary at the term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, at the term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, to be held on January 21 next, for trial on the charge of complicity in the Broadway "boodle" deal. This will be the first case called at the special session of Oyer and Terminer, recently promulgated by Governor Hill. There has been much curiosity among the accused aldermen as to who should first be put on trial. At Cleary's first trial several months ago the jury disagreed.

Fatal Quarrel Between Hunters. SPRINGPIELD, Mo., Jan. 9.—E. A. Mat-thews, a wealthy general merchant of Walnut Shade, Ark., was instantly killed in the White River Bottoms, near the Missouri line, yester-day afternoon. Matthews was hunting deer, and he and a man by the name of Strong fired at a large buck almost simultaneously. In the dispute which arose over the possession of the animal Matthews was brained by Strong, who struck him with the butt-end of his rife. Strong escaped to the woods, but is being pursued by a sheriff and posse.

Crushed to Death. ANCONA, ILLS., Jan. 9.—About 7 o'clock yesterday morning a Santa Fe caboose containing two gangs of section men was backed into by an Illinois, Indiana & Iowa switch engine at the Wabasa crossing in this city, killing Wm. Fay, section foreman, and injuring several others. The switch engine and caboose were detailed and the wreck was complete. The wounded men were taken to the hospital and will recover.

The "Q," Strikers Accept the Situation GALESBURG, I.L., Jan. 9.—The Burlington strikers have teceived an official copy of the agreement by which the strike was terminated. and were ordered by the Richmond committee to report for work to the Purlington officials before February I. They were also assured by the committee that the Brotherhood will give financial aid to such as do not obtain work by that time. The strikers accept the situation cheerfully.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL , Jan. 8 .- About 1 p. m.

A Bailway Collision.

last night a collision occurred on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad, near Watseka between a passenger and freight train. The wreck is very slight. No one was injured in the least, and very slight damage was done to the trains. Two freight cars are off the track and one engine. The track will be cleared

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Money 3/@4 per cent. Exchange steady; posted rates, 485½@489; actual rates, 485/2485; for sixty days and 4881@4882 for demand. Governments quiet; currency, 6s, 110 bid; 4s, coupons, 1261 bid; 42s, do.,1082 bid.

The stock market opened firm at last night's

quotations, and on buying for Loudon ac-count prices advanced under the lead of St. Paul, Eric, Union Pacific and Reading & to 1 per cent. by midday. The market has since been dull, and at this writing figures show a carried further. Newman's face did not change the verdict, but maintainned the expression of gloom and melancholy which it has worn ever since his arrest.

The Recent Storm in Canada.

Kinoston, Ont., Jan. 9.—Later reports show that the damage will reach several hundred thousand dollars. It covered a wide area, and that the damage will reach several hundred thousand dollars. It covered a strip of territory twenty miles wide, reaching from Napance to Cornwall, a distance of seventy miles. Within those limits thousands of valuable eims, maple and poplars have been

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Opening, 9:30 a. m.: Wheat—May, 1.05g. Corn—Jan., 35g; Feb., 34‡; March, 35‡; May, 37‡, Oats—Feb., 25‡, May, 28‡, Pork—Feb., \$18,25; May, \$13,65 Lard—Jan., \$7,35; March, \$7,50; May \$7.00. Short Ribs-Feb., \$6.90; May, \$7.10.

The Washington Stocks. Miscellaneous Bonds-W. & G. R. R., 108; Masonic Hall Ass'n, 106; Wash. Market Co., 115; Inland & Scabord Co., -; Wash, Light Infantry, 1st, 95; Wash, Light Infantry, 2d. 161 antry, 181, 36; Wash, Light Co., 1202; Wash, Gas Serip, 1221; National Bank Stocks—Bank of Washing-ton, 295; Bank of Kepublic, 170; Metropolitan, 290; Central, —; Socond, 140; Farmers' and Mechanics', 163; Citizens', 125; Columbia,

Railroad Stocks-Washington and George Rairoad Stocks—Washington and George-town, 208; Metropolitan, 110; Columbia, 31½; Cap. & North O st., 35; Anacostia. —, Insurance Stocks—Firemen's. —; Franklin, 40; Metropolitan, 71; National Union, 19; Arlington, 160; Corceran, 60; Columbia, 19½; German American, 153; Potomac, 70; Riggs, 8; Gas and Electric Light Stocks—Washington

las, 401; Georgetown Gas, 45; U. S. Electric Light, 60. Light, 60.
Telephone Stocks—Pennsylvania,—; Chesapeake & Potomac, 78‡.
Miscellameous Stocks—Washington Market
Co., 16: Washington Brick Machine Co., 200;
National Press Brick Co.,—; Great Falls lee
Co., 145; Bull Run Panorama Co, 20: Real
Estate Title Insurance Co.,—; Columbis
Title Insurance Co., 52: National Sate Deposit Co., 180; American Graphophone Co
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Local Weather Indications. Clearing weather Taursday morning; much dder; winds becoming high westerly.